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		Ineligibility Finding ¹	Ineligibility Overcome ²	Ineligibility Finding ¹	Ineligibility Overcome ²
212(a)(1)(A)(i)	Communicable Disease	796	584	55	3
212(a)(1)(A)(ii)	Immigrant lacking required vaccinations	676	671	-	-
212(a)(1)(A)(iii)	Physical or mental disorder	204	96	237	34
212(a)(1)(A)(iv)	Drug Abuser or Addict	1,211	627	134	21
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I)	Crime Involving Moral Turpitude	1,374	418	8,717	3,371
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II)	Controlled Substance Violators	478	53	5,916	2,348
212(a)(2)(B)	Multiple Criminal Convictions	93	14	489	138
212(a)(2)(C)(i)	Illicit Trafficker in Any Controlled Substance	371	2	4,188	767
212(a)(2)(C)(ii)	Spouse, Son, or Daughter Who Benefited from Illicit Activities of Trafficker	28	0	801	63
212(a)(2)(D)(i)	Prostitution (within 10 years)	15	5	59	5
212(a)(2)(D)(ii)	Procuring (within 10 years)	1	0	20	6
212(a)(2)(D)(iii)	Unlawful Commercialized Vice	1	1	5	1
212(a)(2)(E)	Asserted immunity to avoid prosecution	0	0	0	0
212(a)(2)(G)	Foreign government officials who have engaged in violations of religious freedom	0	0	1	0
212(a)(2)(H)	Significant traffickers in persons	2	0	12	0
212(a)(2)(I)	Money Laundering	1	0	38	14
212(a)(3)(A)(i)	Espionage, sabotage, technology transfer, etc.	4	0	241	9
212(a)(3)(A)(ii)	Other Unlawful Activity	126	0	77	4
212(a)(3)(A)(iii)	Act to Overthrow U.S. Government	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(B)	Terrorist Activities	56	0	926	426
212(a)(3)(C)	Foreign Policy	0	0	7	0
212(a)(3)(D)	Immigrant Membership in Totalitarian Party	11	6	-	-
212(a)(3)(E)(i)	Participants in Nazi Persecutions	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(E)(ii)	Participants in Genocide	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(E)(iii)	Commission of Acts of Torture or Extrajudicial Killings	0	0	1	0
212(a)(3)(F)	Association with Terrorist Organizations	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(G)	Recruitment or Use of Child Soldiers	0	0	0	0
212(a)(4)	Public Charge	897	1,011	35	9
212(a)(5)(A)	Labor Certification (immigrants only)	7,082	770	-	-
212(a)(5)(B)	Unqualified Physician (immigrants only)	1	0	-	-
212(a)(5)(C)	Uncertified foreign health-care workers	3	0	1	0
212(a)(6)(B)	Failure to attend removal proceedings	73	14	68	7
212(a)(6)(C)(i)	Misrepresentation	5,718	2,060	19,177	4,610
212(a)(6)(C)(ii)	Falsely claiming citizenship	465	0	2,642	742
212(a)(6)(E)	Smugglers of aliens	2,804	1,051	4,279	1,173
212(a)(6)(F)	Subject of civil penalty (under INA 274C)	1	0	4	1
212(a)(6)(G)	Student visa abusers	0	0	14	3
212(a)(7)(B)	Documentation requirement for nonimmigrants	-	-	165	106
212(a)(8)(A)	Immigrant permanently ineligible for citizenship	0	0	-	-
212(a)(8)(B)	Draft evader	0	0	9	6
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered removed upon arrival	568	313	2,027	93

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212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered removed upon arrival - multiple removals	212	34	365	13
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered removed upon arrival - convicted aggravated felony	30	0	139	9
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding	1,468	823	1,194	179
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding - multiple removals	278	41	265	23
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding - convicted aggravated felony	150	4	237	23
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(I)	Unlawfully present 181-364 days (within 3 years)	164	133	755	106
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(I)	Unlawfully present 181-364 days (within 3 years) (provisional waiver)	58	47	-	-
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II)	Unlawfully present 365 or more days (within 10 years)	11,116	6,876	20,697	1,846
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II)	Unlawfully present 365 or more days (within 10 years) (provisional waiver)	28,024	27,522	-	-
212(a)(9)(C)	Unlawfully present after previous immigration violations	2,633	315	7,255	855
212(a)(10)(A)	Practicing polygamist (immigrants only)	17	3	-	-
212(a)(10)(C)(i)	International child abductor	1	0	2	0
212(a)(10)(C)(ii)	Aliens supporting abductors and relatives of abductors	0	0	1	0
212(a)(10)(D)	Unlawful voter	2	0	3	1
212(a)(10)(E)	Former U.S. citizen who renounced citizenship to avoid taxation	0	0	0	0
212(e)	Foreign residence requirement: Former exchange visitors	17	9	17	12
212(f)	Presidential proclamation suspending the entry of any class of aliens	1	1	46	11
214(b)	Failure to establish entitlement to nonimmigrant status	-	-	2,260,638	23,576
221(g)	Application does not comply with provisions of INA or regulations issued pursuant thereto	258,179	166,378	767,167	651,248
222(g)(2)	Alien in illegal status, required to apply for new nonimmigrant visa in country of alien's nationality	-	-	43	4
501	Iranian Citizen Studying in Certain Energy-Related Fields	-	-	110	3
Sec. 103 Pub. Law 105-227	Disclosure/trafficking of confidential U.S. business information	0	0	0	0
Sec. 401 Pub. Law 104-114	Helms-Burton refusal	0	0	0	0
Sec. 402 Pub. Law 104-114	Conversion of confiscated U.S. property for gain	0	0	1	1
Sec. 306 Pub. Law 107-173	Inadmissible alien from a country that is a state sponsor of terrorism	0	0	119	3
Total Grounds of Ineligibility:		325,410	209,882	3,109,399	691,873
Number of Applications:¹		275,737	196,462	3,045,799	687,269

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The figures at the end of this table show totals of **applications** refused and refusals overcome. The total of applications refused does not necessarily reflect the number of persons refused during the year. One applicant can apply and be found ineligible more than one time in a fiscal year.

¹ The total grounds of ineligibility may exceed the number of applications refused because one applicant may be found ineligible under more than one section of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

² The total of ineligibilities overcome may not necessarily represent the same visa applicants found ineligible and recorded in the total of ineligibility findings. A visa may be refused in one fiscal year and the refusal overcome in a subsequent fiscal year. Each action will be separately recorded as part of the appropriate statistical report for the year in which it occurred. A refusal can be overcome by evidence that the ineligibility does not apply, by approval of a waiver, or by other relief as provided by law.